

# OPC BULLETIN



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## Austrian UN ambassador to take long view of 3rd World problems at lunch

Ambassador Jankowitsch of Austria shares the West's growing concern regarding the so-called "Third World's" hostile voting block.

In an address before the OPC at noon, Thursday, December 4, the outspoken Ambassador will discuss his conclusions on the matter with members, guests and a selected group of invited industrialists. He plans to relate the subject to the future of the UN's charter-decreed voting system.

Reservations for this newsmaking Headliner Luncheon should be made with Mary Novick (212) 687-2430. Cost of the luncheon for members is \$7.00; guests and invited industrialists, \$8.00. The presentation will be held at OPC headquarters: 19th floor (North elevators), Hotel Biltmore.

Ambassador Jankowitsch was born in Vienna in 1933. He first practiced law, then joined the Austrian Foreign Service in 1957. In 1961, he became a member of the Austrian Delegation to the XVI General Assembly of the United Nations. He subsequently held important embassy positions prior to rejoining his government's foreign service.

In 1972, he was appointed Permanent Representative of Austria to the

## Three more Clubs to offer reciprocity

The OPC has just concluded reciprocal agreements with three more press clubs. OPC members now have guest privileges at 50 press clubs — 28 domestic and 22 foreign. Members of the reciprocal clubs have guest privileges at the OPC.

The new clubs are:

**Desert Press Club**, 425 North Palm Canyon, Palm Springs, Cal. 92262 — Phone not yet installed.

**Omaha Press Club**, First National Center, 16th & Dodge, Omaha, Neb. 68101 — Phone: (402) 345-8587.

**Milwaukee Press Club**, 125 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53202 — Phone (414) 273-7375

United Nations with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. During Austria's membership in the Security Council of the United Nations, in 1973 and 1974, he was the Austrian Representative, and in November 1973, he was President of the Council.

## Lewis Young, chief Business Week, to speak on 'management magic'



LEWIS YOUNG

## Newsweek's Brennan converting to political cartooning abroad

Having started on November 24th and running thru December 12th, a selection of two dozen editorial drawings by Francis Brennan will be on display in the Club gallery. Some early examples from the *Reporter* and the *New York Post* will be included.

In the spring of 1975 with the downfall of U.S. foreign policy in the Far East, Brennan felt it was time to convert what had been an occasional freelance fling at political cartooning into a serious and more continuous effort. Last April, he launched a series of visual commentaries called "graphic allegories." These are now being distributed on a weekly schedule by the Newsweek International Editorial Service under the direction of Jay Melvin.

Brennan's new drawings do not yet appear in this country. But thus far, they are being picked up by magazines and newspapers in Norway, Denmark, Israel, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Chile and Ecuador, with more clients being added to the list as the series develops.

Francis ("Hank") Brennan, an ex-Time Inc. veteran, is now Design Consultant to the Editor of *Newsweek*.

## OPC looks good this half but some problems remain

President Jack Raymond announced at the OPC's semi-annual members meeting on October 28 that for the second year in a row the OPC has been operating in the black. However, Chase Manhattan has forced the club to take speedier action in repaying its long-standing loan of \$107,750.

"Sensational" is how President Raymond described the upsurge of interest and attendance at OPC events. "But timely payment of our dues is imperative to keep us functioning," he emphasized.

Raymond also announced:

- "Spouse cards" for \$10 approved by the Board of Governors in response to numerous requests;

- A headlined speaker, to be identified soon, already booked for the Annual Awards Dinner;

- This year's sponsorship of Deadline by Parade Magazine on the theme: "200 Years of Reporting in America — Journalism in the U.S.A.";

- The new Bob Considine Memorial Award of \$1,000 from King Features;

- The revived and flourishing OPC Foundation sparked largely by Joe Peters, headed by Dr. Austin Smith;

- The sum of \$1,300 from the OPC Jazz Club's jazz bash produced by Wilma Dobie for the OPC Foundation.

Now vital, Raymond said, are two goals: more fund-raising events (members urged to submit ideas immediately); enrolling new members, with special attention to young professionals.

And please ... pay those dues! Now! Later will be too late!

— Helen Alpert

The business of business is business.

And if Lewis Young, editor-in-chief of *Business Week*, didn't say it, he should have.

It is a key reason that *Business Week* is "must reading" in executive suites. They tell what's really going on, week after week. Business listens.

Continuing Larry Stessin's 1975 Fall parade of top business press headliners, Young will "Talk Shop" with OPC members and guests from 5:30 to 7:00 on Friday, November 19. He will be followed by Ray Brady, former editor of *Dun's*, on December 9. Brady just turned in his typewriter for a CBS microphone.

With a BSME degree from Purdue in heat and power in his hot little hand, and an MBA in marketing and economics from New York University, Young came to McGraw-Hill in 1957. He was named managing editor of *Business Week* in 1967 and assumed the top editorial post two years later.

This timely and provocative session will be given at the Overseas Press Club, 19th floor (North elevators). Newspeople and their guests are invited to join in the cocktails and conversation.

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But if your interest is more in monkey business, mark down December 3. At this "Shop Talk" session, professional amateur George Plimpton will relate his saga as a Playboy photographer.

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30-7 p.m.** — Talking Shop With ... Lewis Young, editor in chief of *Business Week*.

**Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.** — "Old Pro" night honoring Elmer Lower, corporate vice president of American Broadcasting Company.

**Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving** — Club will be closed.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2, 5:30-7 p.m.** — Foreign Press Night, in cooperation with Atlas World Press and the OPC.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3, 5:30-7 p.m.** — Talking Shop With ... George Plimpton, ersatz everything.

**Thursday, Dec. 4** — Cocktails, noon, lunch, 12:30. Austrian UN Ambassador Jankowitsch. \$7 for members, \$8 for guests.

**Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** — Twilight jazz session, "Salute to Jersey Jazz." Admission free. Seating first-come basis. Cash bar.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5:30-7 p.m.** — Talking Shop With ... Ray Brady, Duns Review.

**Tuesday, Dec. 11** — Private screening, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. of "Hustle," starring Burt Reynolds and Catherine Deneuve, at Paramount Studios, 1 Gulf + Western Plaza. Seating limited to 70 persons each performance, first-come, first-served basis. Member and 1 guest only.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16** — Singapore Regional Dinner. Complete details to be announced in next issue of Bulletin.

## Smith's photos on display

Photographs by Michael Smith are on exhibit at the OPC from Nov. 3-20.

Smith's photos are in many private collections, and at the George Eastman House, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Exchange National Bank, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

## OPC survives cliffhanger, but membership drive is a 'must'

While New York City is struggling against default, the Overseas Press Club came within a whisker of a fatal jolt when its note to the Chase Manhattan Bank was suddenly called. For two days it looked as though the Club would beat the City "down the drain." The bank subsequently relented, but the near-miss emphasized the vital need for recruiting new members and for a concerted fund-raising drive.

The professionalism of the Club, not only in its activities but especially in its prudent money management, helped us to survive. But the plain fact is that laggard members must pay their dues or doom the Club. Ironically, the OPC is in a fairly good position. If all members do pay their dues on time, we will maintain our Club.

This is what happened:

On October 23, the Club's creditors accepted a moratorium on debt payments until the Club could accelerate dues payments, mount a membership drive and establish plans for a fund drive. The Club has been operating in the black since 1973, our professional programs have won increasing participation and plaudits. Yet payments on Fall dues billing lagged.

Thus, President Jack Raymond wrote those members whose dues have not been paid, reminding them that "we must still depend on the same loyalty of members who supported us years back when our financial future looked bleak." He added, "I am appealing to you now to mail us your dues check immediately so that we can prove to our creditors that we still have the support of loyal members such as you."

On October 24 — the day after the creditors' meeting — the Chase Manhattan Bank called our note (amounting to \$111,000) and simultaneously attached the funds in our three bank accounts. One of the accounts held money intended for payroll and for rent. Another held funds on account for meeting members' payments to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The third was the Foundation account.

All indications were that the bank intended to keep the attached money and possibly go to the final step and claim our savings account in another bank.

However, a meeting was arranged for Oct. 29 at which time Raymond, Treasurer Lou Calderoni and Counsel Jack Frummer presented the Club's

case before the bank's chief legal counsel and the bank loan officer who had instituted the action.

Their presentation established our businesslike approach to operations and included a review of our balance sheet, projected income and plans for an intense membership drive along with fund-raising activities. It also included the stated willingness of other creditors to grant a moratorium as well as stressing the need for continuing the professional forum the OPC provides.

On Nov. 4, the Chase notified us that it had agreed to the following:

- Release both the Foundation and Blue Cross/Blue Shield accounts.
- Release from the checking account money slated for rent.
- Release money collected as cash for food and beverage services.
- Meet with us next May to review the Club's financial position and if justified, arrange for an extended payment program.

In essence, the decision granted what had been sought originally — sufficient time to build a solid revenue base.

A membership drive among the city's considerable cadre of newspeople is about to begin under Harry Rand, membership chairman. However, the most effective recruiters for the Club must be its members, and the best way of insuring our survival would be by doubling our membership by having every member bring in a new member.

While Chase and our other creditors have given us a six-month moratorium, the time to act is now. A membership application form is enclosed with this issue. If each of us can deliver one new member, there will be the makings of a whopping Thanksgiving celebration party.

And then for Christmas ...

— Matt Bassity



## Judge's ax ominous but no longer fatal

**GREENSBORO, VT.** — For some three decades folks in the north country around Lake Caspian have listened for a special silence that officially writes -30- to another summer's lease. That's the autumnal moment when Judge Norwood F. Allman (aged 83) finally swings the ax and draws the tarp on the towering woodpile beside the



JUDGE ALLMAN

two story log cabin which has served as the survival station for many OPCers fleeing Gotham's smoggy and impoverished bottom. Revisionist historians have long

pondered an obscure German Foreign Office Archives document that purportedly links the abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II ending World War I, to the monarch's ready acceptance of a woodchopping exile in Doorn, Holland. The deposed Hohenzollern monarch is said to have been obsessed by an innovative American lumbering technique known as "Der Roanoker Schnitt". Scholars have noted curious coincidence that Allman who hails from Roanoke, Virginia, served in the U.S. Legation in Tienstin, China, before the war, and was a close friend of the German Charge D'Affairs, Graf Heinrich Von und Zu Berstorff. The latter often witnessed Allman's woodchopping chores that stoked the diplomatic fireplaces to make the bitter Chinese winters endurable and presumably kept Berlin informed. —Harry Levin

## Peters needs more help

Most of our members may be unaware of the fact that more than half of our membership lives or works outside New York City. As of October 1, we had a total of 1,523 members: 691 resident, 784 non-resident (580 in the United States and 204 overseas).

To maintain a link with these members who are an important asset to OPC's world-wide prestige, the Out-of-Town and Overseas Liaison Committee was formed and several OPC Regions, as provided by our by-laws, have been created.

At present, the Committee consists of Joe Peters, chairman, Lillian Genn, Albert Kaff, Arthur Reef and Ray Shaw.

At the last meeting on October 15, it was decided that the Committee be enlarged in order to expand its activities. Any member willing to join, please drop a note to Joe Peters c/o OPC or come to the next meeting at the Club on Monday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m.

## 'Dr. Sam,' seen here, to be on Channel 4 Nov. 17

A unique Free Press vs. Fair Trial scene which occurred at the OPC on March 17, 1964 will be depicted in an NBC-TV color special on Dr. Sam Sheppard on November 17 (8 to 11 P.M.).

The scene is adapted from Jack Harrison Pollack's "Dr. Sam: An American Tragedy" which will be reprinted in paperback by Avon Books this month.

Pollack introduced the then unknown Lee Bailey to the late Dorothy Kilgallen after an OPC Book Night which resulted in evidence before the U.S. Supreme Court which led to the Ohio osteopath's new trial and acquittal.

Nina Van Pallandt of Clifford Irving fame plays Sheppard's German second wife.

Pollack's book tells the complete



JACK HARRISON POLLACK

bizarre story from Marilyn Sheppard's murder to her husband's two remarriages, malpractice suits, irrational final wrestling days and untimely death.

## Bow-out

This stewardship of the Bulletin, which began last June, ends by the undersigned with this issue.

It would be ungracious to leave the job without acknowledging the enormous contributions by many of the staff members — particularly those who toiled on the desk work, work that is tedious but vital to any newspaper. Indeed, had not a couple of them been on odd hour shifts at their regular jobs, we would have missed more deadlines than we have.

As for the reporting and writing, I think both have improved as new staff members have been added. I hope the trend continues. And so to the Committee, to paraphrase Ed Murrow's famous sign-off: "goodbye and good luck." —Harry Welker

## Washington Letter

Jerry Hennefin, Time, attended the Society of Experimental Test Pilot meeting in Los Angeles, then flew on to Seattle. On his return to the Nation's Capitol, he visited his hometown of Boise, Idaho.

Ray McHugh, former Copley News Washington Bureau Chief, joined the American Legion effective July 1. When Magazine Editor Robert Pitkin retires in December, McHugh takes the slot over. It is planned to move the magazine operation to Washington.

Asst. Secy. of Defense Joe Laitin is now holding weekly news briefings in his office, usually at 11:30 a.m., Thursday.

Edwin Dale, NYT financial writer, moderated a Town Meeting at the Kennedy Center, on which appeared Columbia School of Journalism Elie Abel and Washington Star editor James Bellows.

The National Press Club "Executive Night" brought together many OPC members including former NPC President Pat Heffernan and a member of the committee.

Others attending the party were Basil (Bud) Littin, former Spec. Asst. to Commerce Secretary, now with the Department of Transportation; Helen and Bob Farrington, who are now grandparents, Helen, who is with the Department of Labor, moved into their new building near the U.S. Capitol; Leo Hochstetter has an office in the National Press Building, handling filming, writing projects and related work, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gordon and Jessie Stearns.

The theme was reporters searching the garbage cans of President Ford, Vice President Rockefeller and Sen. Edward Kennedy for news.

— Jessie Stearns

## NEW MEMBERS

### Associate Resident

Jane Jarvis, Muzak Corp.

### Associate Non-Residents

Richard R. Conarroe, Walden Public Relations, Westport, Conn.

Martin Gitlin, Walden Public Relations, Westport, Conn.

Donald R. Hyman, Walden Public Relations, Westport, Conn.

Charles Welch, Walden Public Relations, Westport, Conn.

## 'Errors' in Metz's

## CBS book boost sales

Robert Metz, stock market columnist for the New York Times, told a "Talking Shop" audience the secret of writing a successful book: be controversial.

Metz, who wrote the book "CBS: Reflections in a Bloodshot Eye," was accused by CBS of having some 38 major errors in the text. The Village Voice credits the controversy between Metz and CBS with selling 10,000 copies of the book, Metz told the OPC. He would not vouch for that figure but said the book had sold about 22,000 copies.

Commenting on the New York City financial crisis, Metz said bankruptcy by the city would have a serious detrimental effect on the rest of the country. He criticized President Ford's refusal to permit Federal backing for New York City bonds, but said the city will have to restructure its pension plan for employees.

—Ralph Leviton

## Why not a card for her?

By action of the Board of Governors on October 28, wives and husbands of OPC members can obtain full privileges of the Club (except voting) by paying a \$10.00 annual fee, for the period October 1, 1975 — September 30, 1976.

Spouses who have recently received a credit card from the Realty Hotels may also use OPC facilities until September 30, 1976.

Husband-wife privileges to be effective as long as the OPC member's dues is up-to-date.

## Obituary

### Mrs. 'Wad' Allen

The many friends of Howard W. "Wad" Allen, will be saddened to know of the death of his wife, Elizabeth Frese Allen, Oct. 29, following a brief illness of lung cancer. Funeral services and burial were in Washington, Indiana, Mr. Allen's birthplace. "Wad" was a retired vice-president of Johns-Manville Corp., and an active OPC member who brought his wife often to OPC.

### Eugene DuBois

Eugene DuBois, regional manager of public relations in the New York-Bermuda region for Eastern Airlines, died Friday evening, October 17th in New York Hospital after a brief illness. He was 64 and resided at 156 Cove Road in Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Mr. DuBois began his career as a reporter with the Brooklyn Eagle in 1934. During World War II, he served with the USNR and attained the rank of Lt. Commander before his discharge. A graduate of Harvard College, class of 1933, he was a member of the Wings Club, the Overseas Press Club, the Society of American Travel Writers, and a director of the Huguenot Historical Society of New Paltz, New York.

He is survived by his widow, Carol Mali DuBois and four daughters. Also surviving are a brother, and a sister.

## Who, what, where

By GRACE NAISMITH

**PUBLISHING:** New Novel, "Thine Is The Glory" by Samuel A. Schreiner, Jr., formerly an editor of Reader's Digest, is receiving acclaim by such greats as James A. Michener. Publisher: Arbor House... Jeanne and Harry E. Harmon, for Morrow — a new Fielding's Guide to the Caribbean, plus the Bahamas. A copy of it is in the OPC lounge if somebody hasn't stolen it... Joseph Lederer, a piece in the November American Film, on a controversial film done by a prominent Hollywood director and some bright college students. (Joe: What's the name of the film? You neglected to say.) Irene Corbally Kuhn, in Nov. Gourmet... William J. Clew, who retired last year as managing editor of The Hartford Courant, after 51 years, had an article in a recent Courant Sunday Magazine, on the development of underwater survival and rescue equipment, based on experience of raising the Submarine S-51 off Block Island 50 years ago. Clew covered that disaster, with other newsmen, including the late Lauren D. "Deac" Lyman of The New York Times... Abel Kessler in Nov. 2 New York Times Magazine Sunday section on the National Horse Show — event he covered 40 years ago.

**HONORS:** Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr., founder and president of the Human Resources Center, awarded the President's Award from the National Rehabilitation Association.

**NEW LOOK:** Richard C. Rowson has been named president of Praeger Publishers, Inc. He will continue as director of the Praeger Special Studies division.

**TRAVELING:** Bill Pages, who reports periodically for the Metropolitan New Jersey Jewish News, is back from a tour of the Sinai where he observed preparations for the new demarcation lines between Israeli and Egyptian territories... Renee Mason, UPI stringer for British Virgin Islands, recently arrived in New York to give birth to a daughter, Ruth, November 1.

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